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# Custer Gallatin National Forest Forest Plan Revision Milestones

## Custer Gallatin National Forest Wraps Up First Step, Assessment of Existing Conditions, Ready for Public Review

The initial steps in Forest Plan Revision, the draft Assessment of Existing Conditions and the draft preliminary Need to Change the existing Forest Plans are available for public review.

The Assessment of Existing Conditions is a snapshot in time of current forest conditions.

Specialists from a variety of fields worked together to review information and prepare reports on the current state of the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

The Forest has also identified preliminary ideas of changes that need to be made to the existing Forest Plans as we move forward into developing our new plan.

Each document is available online for download. Hard copies are also available at district offices and at area library reference desks.



*Feedback is one of the most important contributions from the public.*

### Tips on Reviewing and Feedback

Feedback for the Assessment of Existing Conditions and Need to Change documents is most helpful when:

**Relevant to the phase and documents at hand or provide new information with sufficient detail & rationale for example:**

- Please review XXXX publication as it provides guidance on watersheds in this area.
- Documented occurrences of rare species within the planning area.
- Please consider this new information that is not covered in your Assessment or specialist reports, it is relevant because...

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# The Year Ahead . . . 2017

Jumping into 2017, the Custer Gallatin National Forest will be developing a draft revised plan. In 2016 we looked at our existing conditions and what needs to change in the existing plans. Developing a draft revised plan will take place over the course of 2017 and is quite interactive.

A variety of participation platforms will be utilized from electronic mediums including online mapping, commenting, video and social media to face to face discussions and learning opportunities.

This coming year we identify with the places that are important to people, further developing our previous questions about:

**What is important to you about a given topic?**  
(wildlife, grazing, mining, cultural, multiple uses and many, many more)

**What do you value about the Custer Gallatin National Forest?**

Why is  important to you?  
Fill in

If you've been involved to date, you'll likely remember these questions, if not there's still plenty of public participation opportunities to come.

***What's outside our  
doorstep, in our  
backyard, where we  
enjoy recreating,  
living, working and  
vacationing***

***our places,***

***our connection***

***is where we are going  
in 2017.***

**PLACE:** Focusing planning efforts by place allows us to identify what's unique across this forest, place emphasis on areas based upon what the forest landscape needs and balance what the local community and public participation process raise.

**DESIRED CONDITIONS:** As we travel from place to place, host workshops and move through 2017 our first step will be developing our desired conditions.

What do we want the land to look like?

What are the uses on the land?

What are the values across this particular landscape?

What is this land suitable for?

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Eligibility and the Wilderness Inventory and Evaluation processes will also run concurrently during 2017. Both processes start out with a broad sweep of what we have and then will go through several iterations to narrow down and define what would meet the intent of either wilderness potential or wild and scenic river eligibility. Each process is quite complex, and therefore will have separate public participation opportunities to ensure people are able to focus where their interests and desires are.

## E-Collaboration, Commenting & Participation In Forest Plan Revision

- ◇ **Check frequently and follow social media & website for updates**
- ◇ **Scan QR code to Subscribe to our mailing list**
- ◇ **Newsletter at Milestones**



### Electronic Options

- ◇ **Online Collaborative Mapping Tool**  
a online mapping resource to select, comment and share information about a place (available tentatively late January 2017).
- ◇ **[Comment Analysis Response Application \(CARA\)](#)** - An online comment tool, complete with a reading room to view additional comments received.

### Face to Face

Developing the draft Plan may be one of the most interactive parts of Forest Plan Revision. Starting in 2017 the Custer Gallatin National Forest will start developing desired conditions. From approximately February - June 2017 a series of public workshops will be held, although the design of these workshops is still forthcoming, the intent is interactive.

***Come prepared to look at maps, grab markers, explain the why behind your content and to share and learn from others.***

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